

**Remarks of Yu-Chi Ho read by Christos Cassandras at WODES'06 Banquet  
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Good evening, everyone, from half way across the globe. I am honored to be asked to say a few word on the occasion of this WODES conference. From a humble beginning in the mid seventies with aerospace guidance and control changed to manufacturing automation and management, discrete event systems has grown substantially. The discipline not only provides a new branch of systems for control involving not differential equation model of dynamics but also ushered in the integration of control theory with operations research and computer science. I was lucky to be present at the dawn of creation and am thankful to all of you for the advancement and development of this subject.

To maintain vitality and innovation of the discipline, I urge our field always be problem rather than methodology driven. Only after the former seed planting and germination can the latter grow and flower.

Best wishes to a wonderful future. Good evening.

Yu-Chi Ho